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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary to the Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Ex Parte Communication WT Docket No. 05-157

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 18, 2005, Mr. Chris Drake of the City of New Orleans, Office of Technology, met with Ms. Catherine Massey, Mr. Michael Wilhelm and Mr. Scot Stone of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. Mr. Nicholas Allard and I, representing Tropos Networks, also attended the meeting.

During the meeting Mr. Meffert and Mr. Drake described the public safety communications environment prior to, during and subsequent to Hurricane Katrina. The requirement for diverse and redundant systems, including the need for a readily available ad hoc infrastructure, such as wireless mesh networks, was emphasized. The use of the mesh networks for voice and broadband communications and its continued role in the recovery efforts was detailed.

Respectfully,

John Shayan

Copy to: Ms. Massey, Mr. Wilhelm and Mr. Stone